

**Ararat and Lake Bolac CHURCH ROSTER**

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
<b>Sat Sept 8th</b>		C. Brennan	C. McAdie & M. Mason		D&M Lister & Tom Kidd	B. Holland & Office	T. Reynolds	M. Stapleton & K. Cham-mings	
<b>Sun Sept 9th</b>	P. Lardner	C. Bulger	G. O'Lough-lin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	T. Gemmo-la	Pat Lardner & Kathy Leggett	(as above)	V. Hooper & J. Crowe	(as above)	(as above)
<b>Sat Sept 15th</b>	B. Rodger	P. McAloon	L. Hors-man & C. McAdie		Tom Kidd & R&M Jerram	B. Hol-land & I. Brady	Tom Kidd	Anne Joyce & M. Brady	
<b>Sun Sept 16th</b>	J. Clery	P. Lardner	C. Bulger, & K. Cham-mings	D&M Lister	E. Shea & S. Picker-ing	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
<b>Lake Bolac Sun Sept 9th</b>	<b>Reader</b> NO MASS	<b>Prayers</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	<b>Cleaner</b>	<b>Lake Bolac Sun Sept 16th</b>	<b>Reader</b> D. Haslett	<b>Prayers</b> R. Liston	<b>Eucharis-tic Minis-ter</b> Jane Hig-gins	<b>Cleaner</b> J. Upton & K. Gleeson

**Saint of the Week** St. Notburga **Feastday:** September 14 **Patron** servants and peasants Birth: 1265 Death: 1313 Patron-ess of poor peasants and servants in the Tyrol. Born in Rattenberg, in the Tyrol, she was the daughter of peasants. At eighteen she became a servant in the household of Count Henry of Rattenberg When **Notburga** repeatedly gave food to the poor, she was dis-missed by Count Henry's wife, Otilia, and took up a position as a servant to a humble farmer. Meanwhile, Henry suffering a run of misfortune and setbacks, wasted no **time** restoring **Notburga** to her post after his wife died. **Notburga** remained his housekeeper for the rest of her life, and was famous for her miracles and concern for the poor. Read more on [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org)

**Child Safe Church**

Here at the Church of the Immaculate Conception we follow the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government and we also implement procedures and standards as directed by the Ballarat Diocesan Office.  
Our Safe Guarding Officer is Emma Coburn and you can download our Code of Conduct and Child Safety Policy from the Parish web-site. If you have any concerns whatsoever—please contact the Parish Office, Fr. Andrew or the Safe Guarding Officer on [ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

Lifeline: 131114 Ararat Police: 5355 1500  
Counselling service: Relationships Australia – 1800 052 674  
Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Towards Healing – 1800 099 340  
Sexual Assault Crisis line: 1800 806 292



**Church Toilets**  
All children—Primary school age and under— must be accompanied by an adult. Thank you for your understanding.



**Sunday, 9 Sep 2018**  
**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**

As we celebrate, we acknowledge the Indigenous owners of the land on which our Churches are built, the Tjapwurong people, and we respect the presence of the spirits of their ancestors among us.

**First Reading** **Is 35:4-7**  
*Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.*

**Responsorial Psalm** **Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1**  
**(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!**  
1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)  
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bound down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)  
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, **Zion's** God, from age to age. (R.)

**Second Reading** **Jas 2:1-5**  
*Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?*

**Gospel Acclamation** **cf. Mt 4:23**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** **Mk 7:31-37**  
*He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

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**8th/9th September 2018**

**RECENT DEATHS:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Mary Waring, Margaret Ridgewell, Fr Edward Jerram, Kathleen Edwards, Tups Brady, John Griffin, Eileen Rees, John Seild, Fr Frank McLaughlin, Ross McCann, John Hennessy, Patricia Egan, Gertrude Brennan, Ronald Ryan, Vin Fitzpatrick, Fortunata Di Domenico, Molly O'Connor, Keith Young, Teresa Conroy, Geoffrey O'Brien, Ruth Molloy, John Molloy, Martin Creenaune, Maureen Rathgeber, Eileen Arnold, Hugh Waring, Judith Vos

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Monica Fitzpatrick, Robin Wright, (Jenny Wright's son), Sr. Geraldine Stapleton, Carmel Brennan, Jan Young

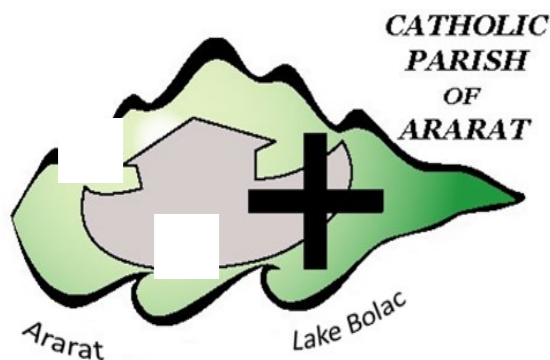
*If you would like a sick person prayed for, ask for their permission. Names will be included for the duration of ONE MONTH after which family or friends can request more time.*

**Please pray for the intentions of:**

Libby Shea, Mary Howard

**PARISH PRAYER**

Loving God, Good Shepherd of us all,  
gather us and form us into a welcoming Parish family.  
Touch our hearts with your love so that we,  
In turn, may reach out in love to one another,  
in a neighbourly community. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord.  
**Amen.**



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Charlie Reid

**Finance Committee Chairperson:**

Peter Gemmola

**Funeral Ministry:**

Joan Fitzpatrick, Sr. Maree, Harry Collins & Sioux Reid

**Catholic Women's League:**

Jan Crowe (President) & Anna Collins (Secretary)

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:**

Vinnies Shop/Centre 03 5352 5560

President: Peter Brady

Manager: Kathleen Leggett

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**PRINCIPAL MARIAN COLLEGE:** Mrs Carmel Barker

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Parish Centre

Our Parish Centre is used for various activities—from Graduate Teacher Professional Development Days, Family Celebrations, Formal Meetings to a gathering place after a funeral.

It is a space that can accommodate up to 100 people comfortably and has an industrial kitchen. If you would like more information—please contact the office (Joyce) on 03 5352 5460

### MASS TIMES

**Ararat** (Immaculate Conception)

**Saturday** 6.00pm

**Sunday** 10.30am

**Lake Bolac** (St. Bernard's)

**8.30am** 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays

2nd Sundays at Glenthompson at 8.30am

### Prayer this Week

**Tuesday 11th** 9.30am Convent  
(Liturgy of the Word with Communion)

### Lay Assembly last Weekend

Many thanks to the leaders for last weekend's lay assembly and thanks to everyone for their support. There wasn't much time to plan—but we all got there in the end!

### A VOCATION VIEW

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom? Chosen to be rich in faith. So take heart, be not afraid, consider your part in God's Kingdom.

### Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

"Remember the more you give yourselves to others, the more you will receive and be happy!"

### Church Resources Box

All monies placed in the Church Resources Box are used to help maintain the Church. We humbly thank any visitors who contribute to this box. The box can be found in the foyer.

**Next Week's Readings:** Sept 16th 2018

**First Reading** Is 50:5-9

**Second Reading** Jas 2:14-18

### Donation to CASA (Centre Against Sexual Assault) Ballarat

For some time the Parish Pastoral Council has discussed how we might support victims of sexual abuse. We continue to be ashamed by clergy abuse and feel compassion for the many other people living with the memory of abuse. This week we will send \$6,000 to CASA to support the wonderful work that they do to assist people who are hurting. The money we send is money that we receive for our work at Hopkins, money that we usually distribute to charities.

### Arrangements while Fr Andrew Away

The following three weekend Masses will be celebrated by a visiting Priest. Funerals are likely now to be lay-lead during these three weeks with Requiem Masses celebrated after I return.

(Visiting Priests expenses/stipend are covered through our contribution to the Presbytery collection.)

**The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Catholic Religious Australian's Response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse is printed and on the notice board. If anyone would like the office to email it to them, please ring Joyce on 5352 5460.**

### Compassion Walk

Come join us in this community event promoting and celebrating compassionate actions in Ballarat on Sunday, September 16, 2018. This event is linking into the work of Compassionate Ballarat, who are enrolling Ballarat as a Compassionate City. Participate in experiential activities as you walk around the lake and enjoy food and entertainment in the main area near the rotunda and Pipers by the Lake. The event will feature Barry Gilson, Men's Shed, Amie Brûlée with band, Peter Daffy, the HanzOn Percussion Group, The Bandits, Lisa Wood and more! Registrations at 10.00am for 10.30am start and concluding at 1.00pm. Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=404489>. For enquires please contact Steph via email [compassionwalk.ballarat@gmail.com](mailto:compassionwalk.ballarat@gmail.com) Please have a look at the poster on the notice board.

### CWL

The next Catholic Women's meeting will be held at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre on Tuesday September 11th. All welcome

### St. Anne's Club

Grandmothers Club will meet next Wednesday Sept. 12th at 2pm at Bernadette Harrington's house. All welcome

### Social Justice Statement: "A Place to Call Home"

We will celebrate Social Justice Sunday on September 30. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is entitled: *A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land*. This is a response to the growing problem of homelessness in Australia. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499. Please see the poster on the notice board.

### **BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND**

#### **Collection for Sick and Retired Priests**

Last year our parish contributed \$1008 to this collection, which raised nearly \$48,000 throughout the Diocese. The collection in our parish this year has raised \$565 to date. The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to contribute, by using the special envelope provided, or in an envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund".

**A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.**

### Joke of the Week

An Irish priest is driving along a country road when a police man pulls him over. He immediately smells alcohol on the priest's breath and notices an empty wine bottle in the car. He says: "Have you been drinking?" "Just water," says the priest. The cop replies: "Then why do I smell wine?" The priest looks at the bottle and says: "Good Lord! He's done it again!"